

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7809

Tariff filing of Catamount/Bolton Water &       )  
Sewer Company, LLC re: proposed rate design    )  
changes and revisions to its rules and            )  
regulations, to take effect November 15, 2011    )

Order entered: 11/22/2011

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM AND SCHEDULING ORDER**

Catamount/Bolton Water and Sewer Company, LLC ("Company") submitted a proposed rate design tariff to the Public Service Board ("Board") on September 30, 2011, which was to take effect on November 15, 2011 (Tariff Filing No. 8294). On October 28, 2011, the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department") informed the Board that it had reviewed the filing and recommended that the Board suspend the proposed rate design and open an investigation. On November 8, 2011, the Board issued an Order suspending the tariff filing, opening an investigation and setting a date for a prehearing conference.

A prehearing conference was convened on November 21, 2011. Geoffrey Commons, Esq., appeared for the Department and Eli Emerson, Esq., of Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer, PC, represented the Company.

At the prehearing conference, there were discussions about a proposed schedule for the proceeding, and an agreement was reached on the schedule assuming a stipulated settlement is achieved. A litigation schedule will be determined later if no settlement is reached. The following schedule is adopted:

Rolling discovery by the Department until	January 18, 2012
Responses to discovery due within	One week after request
Public Hearing	January 17, 2012
Deadline for Motions to Intervene	January 20, 2012

Responses to Motions to Intervene	One week after motion <sup>1</sup>
Parties to file either a stipulation or a proposed litigation schedule	February 2, 2012
Technical Hearing (assumes stipulation)	Week of February 13 or 20, 2012

With respect to the public hearing scheduled for January 17, 2012, the Company should prepare and submit a form of public hearing notice for review by the Department and the Board. Following such review, the Company should provide individual notice of the public hearing to each of its customers to ensure customers receive advance notice of the public hearing.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2011.

s/Lars Bang-Jensen  
Lars Bang-Jensen  
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: November 22, 2011

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson  
Clerk of the Board

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1. At the prehearing conference, it was contemplated that the deadline for responses to motions to intervene would be January 27, and this is still the case for any motion filed on the intervention deadline of January 20. However, in the case of intervention motions filed earlier, the deadline for responses has been adjusted so as not to delay a ruling on an intervention motion filed well in advance of the intervention deadline.